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RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 1998, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete the entire line 1 that contains the title and substitute the following new title therefor: --FLASH EEPROM SYSTEM WITH CELL BY CELL PROGRAMMING VERIFICATION--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 74 without prejudice, and amend claims 83 and 98, as follows:

of addressed cells are less [that] than a number of cells within the individual blocks.

The method of claim, wherein resetting at least the cells within said chunk includes initially driving at least all of the cells within said chunk to a common state different than any of said more than two programmable states, and then programming all of at least the cells within said chunk from the common state into [said] one of the more than two programmable states by the following:

applying electrical programming parameters in parallel to at least the cells within said chunk,

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